

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the application was considered as allowable and claims 1-10 were allowed.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the claims has been gratefully acknowledged, and the allowable claims have been retained as they were.

At the same time, the drawings were objected to. In the Examiner's opinion the steps of the method must be shown in the drawings.

In connection with the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicants have submitted a flowchart showing the steps of the method of tank leak diagnosis in accordance with the present invention.

The specification has been amended to provide explanation of the corresponding steps of the inventive method, which are shown in the flowchart.

The specification has been amended accordingly to make a reference to the new figure of the drawings in the section "Brief Description of the Drawings".

The section "Description of the Preferred Embodiments" has been amended as well to indicate that the flowchart of Figure 2 illustrates a sequence of the steps of the inventive method.

The Examiner's objected to the disclosure for formal reasons. In connection with this objection, the disclosure has been amended correspondingly.


It is believed that the present application should be considered as being in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be

carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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